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In Re Application Of:  
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REINFORCEMENT DEVICE

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Examiner:  
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**FIRST AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is the first amendment to the noted application, in response to the first Office Action from the Examiner, designated as Paper Number 2, having a mailing date of December 19, 2002. The Examiner set a shortened statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the action for response, and this response is filed within that period.

Please amend the application as follows.

In The Claims

(1) Please rewrite Claim 7 of the application as follows:

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7. (Amended) The composite structural reinforcement device of Claim 1, further comprising interlock means formed on said upper face and said lower face of said body for the purpose of forming a mechanical interlock between said faces during application of the device to a structural member so as to resist longitudinal movement of said faces relative to each other.